

USING PRIMARY SOURCES WITH HISTORYPIN

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WHAT IS HISTORYPIN?

HistoryPin is an interactive website that allows users to pin photos, video and audio to create a human history album for the entire world. Users can either explore images on the Google map or search for them by location and/or date range. The "Collections" feature on the site archives images with a common theme or historical event, many of which were provided by participating museums, historical societies, and other institutions. The "Tours" feature provides slideshows that can include audio, video, and captioned images in front of Google Street View backdrops so users can experience a virtual walking tour of historical events.

WHY USE HISTORYPIN?

HistoryPin allows students to make connections between the past and the present while also developing a better understanding of time and place. It's a great way to engage students in lessons in history, geography, technology, and citizenship. It also gives students the opportunity to draw personal connections to history by uploading old photos they find at home to tell their family's story.

HOW CAN YOU USE HISTORYPIN IN YOUR CLASSROOM?

- Present more engaging lessons by using the tours and collections available on the site.
- Have students annotate the images found in the collections to create arguments about how a piece of literature represents the society of its setting and how it relates to today.
- Get students to make connections with their community and its history by having them explore the local photos on the map view. Encourage them to find their own photos at home to upload to the site.
- Have students create their own tours or collections and write information about the settings and stories behind the images they find or upload.
- Reach out to senior care facilities to ask them if residents can share their photos and stories in your classroom. Have the students scan the images (with the residents' permission) and record the answers to questions the students ask in prepared interviews. Then have the students upload the images with the audio or interview transcripts.

GETTING STARTED WITH HISTORYPIN



TO EXPLORE THE SITE WITHOUT LOGGING IN:

1. Watch this video to get a brief introduction to the site.
2. Check out the Google map that allows you to zoom in or search for images
3. Take a look at a tour or a collection created by users and organizations like the Smithsonian
4. Explore other users' and organizations' content on their channels
5. Find out more about how to use the site in schools, for local projects, and in libraries, archives and museums.

TO REGISTER ON THE SITE AND UPLOAD YOUR OWN CONTENT:

6. Click on "Join" on the top menu
7. Login with your Google account by clicking "Login"
8. Don't have a Google account yet? Register for one by clicking Register Now"
9. Click on "Pin Something" from the menu on the top of your channel that opens after logging in
10. Click "Photos", "Video" or "Audio" to upload a file from your computer

